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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR § 1.59(b), filed April 16, 2010, to expunge information from the above identified application. This application has not been allowed. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted but it has only just been brought to the attention of the Deciding Official.

Petitioner requests that documents which were improperly submitted be expunged from the record. Specifically, petitioner requests an IDS dated April 27, 2007 having therein five documents was an inadvertent error and that it be expunged. Petitioner states either: (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(g) has been paid.

The reasons set forth in this petition establishes to the satisfaction of the Director that expungement of the information is appropriate. The file entries for the documents have been closed and as such the documents are no longer publicly available, which is the IFW equivalent to removal of a paper document from a paper file wrapper.

Therefore, petitioner's petition is GRANTED.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 571-273-8300.

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